



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Public Health

JONATHAN E. FIELDING, M.D., M.P.H.
Director and Health Officer

JOHN F. SCHUNHOFF, Ph.D.
Chief Deputy Director

313 North Figueroa Street, Room 708
Los Angeles, California 90012
TEL (213) 240-8156 • FAX (213) 481-2739

www.lapublichealth.org

June 29, 2007



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Gloria Molina
First District

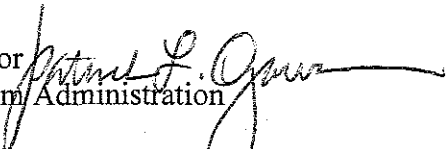
Yvonne B. Burke
Second District

Zev Yaroslavsky
Third District

Don Knabe
Fourth District

Michael D. Antonovich
Fifth District

TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Patrick L. Ogawa, Director
Alcohol and Drug Program Administration 

SUBJECT: **SUBMISSION OF FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION TO INCREASE THE WELL BEING OF, AND TO IMPROVE THE PERMANENCY OUTCOMES FOR, CHILDREN AFFECTED BY METHAMPHETAMINE OR OTHER SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

This is to inform you that the Department of Public Health, Alcohol and Drug Program Administration (ADPA) plans to apply for the federal Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau, Request for Applications, entitled, "Targeted Grants to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for, Children Affected by Methamphetamine or Other Substance Abuse." The grant application is being submitted in conjunction with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Superior Court. The deadline for submission of the grant application is July 3, 2007.

Program Description

The grant application provides funding to enhance treatment and recovery support services for the Family Dependency Drug Court program, a collaborative program presently operating as a pilot project at the Edelman Children's Court covering the area served by the DCFS Belvedere Office (Service Planning Area 7 – East). Under the leadership of the Honorable Michael Nash, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, an interagency work group has been working for the past two years to develop and implement protocols and procedures for the Family Dependency Drug Court as a means for improving family reunification outcomes by providing substance abusing parents with judicially monitored treatment programs. This group includes judicial officers from the Juvenile Court, court administration, DCFS staff, child welfare advocates, and County Counsel.

During Fiscal Years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007, the Superior Court received seed grant funds from the California Administrative Office of the Courts to plan and implement the pilot dependency drug court project. Earlier this year, ADPA in conjunction with these partners was awarded a competitive grant of \$1.4 million per year for 2006-07 and 2007-08 from the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to further expand and enhance the program Countywide in four additional courts and Service Planning Areas (SPA).

ADPA released a Request for Proposals on June 27, 2007 to select contractors to provide the substance abuse treatment services for the four new Family Dependency Drug Courts in SPA 1 (Antelope Valley), SPA 4 (Metro), SPA 6 (South), and SPA 8 (South Bay/Harbor). These areas were selected by the work group as having the most optimal balance of need and readiness for a Family Dependency Drug Court to be successful. The treatment providers selected through this process will also receive funds from the proposed grant project, should Los Angeles County receive a federal grant award. As additional resources for treatment services become available, Judge Nash intends to implement the protocols in all Dependency Courts throughout the County.

Funding

The grant application requests funding for five federal fiscal years from 2007 through 2011. The federal award declines over time and requires an increasing proportion of non-federal match. The first year funding is \$1,000,000 with subsequent years totaling \$825,000 for 2008, \$750,000 for 2009, \$667,000 for 2010, and \$500,000 for 2011. The non-federal match required is \$176,000 for 2007, \$146,000 for 2008, \$188,000 for 2009, \$167,000 for 2010, and \$167,000 for 2011. The match requirement for the first two years will be met by using the grant award from the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs grant. In subsequent years, ADPA and its partners will identify additional non-federal funding and in-kind contributions to comply with the matching requirements.

Proposal Submission Deadline

ADPA intends to submit a proposal in response to the *Targeted Grants to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for, Children Affected by Methamphetamine or Other Substance Abuse Request For Proposals* prior to the July 3, 2007 deadline.

We will notify you about the outcome of our grant application. Meanwhile, I will continue to keep you updated on this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

PLO:tmd

H:\acfgant\healthdep.rev0629-07

c:

Board Relations

Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H
Alisa Katz
The Honorable Michael Nash
Patricia S. Ploehn, L.C.S.W.
David Ryu
John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D.
Sheila Shima
Avianna Uribe
Eva Vera